

**DON'T MOVE A MUSSEL!**

## **Quagga/zebra mussels**

**ruin boats and destroy waters**

**DON'T LET THEM RIDE WITH YOU!**

**Quagga/zebra mussels** in California waters could result in an environmental and economic disaster. They can cause a shift in native species and disrupt the ecological balance of entire bodies of water. The mussels clog water pipes, coat piers, and ruin boat motors. Transferring a boat from an infested water to another water could spread the mussels.



**YOU CAN STOP THEM!**

**For more information  
866-440-9530**

**[www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/invasives/quaggamussel)**



# DON'T SPREAD INVASIVE SPECIES

## When leaving the water:

- **Inspect** all exposed surfaces - small mussels feel like sandpaper to the touch.
- **Wash** the hull of each watercraft thoroughly.
- **Remove** all plants and animal material.
- **Drain** all water and **dry** all areas.
- **Drain** and **dry** the lower outboard unit.
- **Clean** and **dry** all live-wells.
- **Empty** and **dry** any buckets.
- **Dispose** of all bait in the trash.
- **Wait** from 5 days in summer heat or up to 30 days in cool, moist weather and **keep** watercraft dry between launches into different fresh waters.
- **Calculate your dry time at:** <http://www.100thmeridian.org/Emersion.asp>



### STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

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